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POPULARITY CONTEST STARTS OFF GOOD.

The Times Popularity Contest started off with a rush, and the candidates are hustling along in great style. Owing to the disagreeable weather, one or two that are working on it are not yet nominated, so we are unable to give their standing this week. Those who have reported so far are having good success, and state that they find very little trouble in getting subscribers. It gives everyone a chance to subscribe before the price advances to a dollar.

Miss Mattie Estes, of Vaughns Mill, is in the lead, with Miss Ethel Johnston and Miss Ethel Ballard close up. The other contestants have not yet reported, and may be closer to the leaders than is shown.

Following is the standing of the contestants as reported at this office:

Miss Mattie Estes	8,250
Miss Ethel Johnston	7,800
Miss Ethel Ballard	6,900
Miss Fannie Mize	2,200
Miss Ida Smith	1,300

It is not too late yet to start in the contest as none of those entered have a lead that cannot be overcome. Simply have one of your friends fill in the nominating coupon which appears in the paper and then send or come to The Times office and get a receipt blank. You are then ready to start work, and it will surprise you how easy it is to get subscribers to The Times.

Coal Mines Starting up Again.

Thousands of extra miners are to put at work in the McRoberts and Whitesburg mines, owned by the Consolidation Coal Co., as the result of huge orders that have been received lately. Every mine will be put at full capacity within the next few weeks, and as fast as miners appear they are being started to work.

The railroads will be taxed to their limit to handle this extra business, but a great deal of it will go through the "breaks" on the new line just completed to the Atlantic seaboard. This coal will mostly be exported.

The State University at Lexington will give a special course in highway construction from January 4 to 15. The course will be free and open to the public, any one interested in good roads is invited to attend. The work will be both theoretical and practical, and the display of road machinery will be a special part of the course.

GOOD CORN GROWN HERE.

That Powell county can produce corn as good as can be grown anywhere is proved by the display that has been brought to The Times office, and to the bank. Those who have some on exhibit are Edwin Rose, Gran Hackworth, J. M. Kennon, Jesse Crowe, R. L. Shimmfessel, Edward Rose and W. T. McGuire.

The corn exhibited by J. M. Kennon is of particular interest, as it contains 32 rows, said to be the most ever grown on one ear in this county.

The corn is all of good quality, and ten ears will be picked out to be sent to the State show at Lexington, which is to be conducted during the Farmers' Week, January 4th to the 9th. Virgil Rose will also have an exhibit for the State corn show, and others have spoken of putting in an entry for the shelling contest, in which the twelve ears shelling the greatest amount of corn, will be awarded the prize.

Powell county can grow good corn, and we want to see our farmers get into competition with others, and stimulate the growing of a better grade of corn.

CIRCUIT COURT AT IRVINE

Circuit Court convened at Irvine Monday, and a large number of cases were on the docket, including five cases of murder, and twenty other felony cases. Judge W. A. Young, of Morehead, was appointed special Judge to sit in a number of cases in which Judge Riddell was disqualified, by reason of having acted as counsel for the parties previous to his election as Circuit Judge.

TO ORGANIZE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

C. F. Evans, of Lebanon, Ky., State organizer of the Christian Endeavor, will be here next Thursday, December 17, to organize a branch of the Christian Endeavor. The meetings will be conducted at the Christian Church, and members of all denominations are requested to attend.

The City Council of Mt. Sterling last week refused to grant liquor licenses to the saloons there as the saloons must be closed within 60 days of the election, which resulted in favor of the dries. In many other places the law goes into effect this week. The saloon men will appeal.

Advance in Price of the Paper.

Owing to the increase in price of all products used in the printing business, we find that it will be necessary to increase the price of The Times after January 1. Paper, ink, and in fact, everything used in the publishing of a newspaper, including labor, has advanced in price, and it is impossible to get out a paper at the old price of fifty cents. Nearly every county paper in the State has advanced the price from \$1 to \$1.50, and, as far as we know, The Times is the only one that has remained at the same price. In order to give everyone a chance to still take the paper, we will accept subscriptions at the rate of 50 cents until January 1, after which the increase will go into effect.

It is our intention to add still more to the size and attractiveness of The Times office, and will have more correspondence from points in the county, as well as running some good serial stories, the first of which will start next week. Better take advantage of the low price while it lasts. Those who are in arrears after the first of the year, will be cut off, and only those who are paid up will receive the paper.

TO INVESTIGATE TOBACCO TRUST

Representative J. C. Cantrill has been taking an active interest in the tobacco markets throughout the State, and as a result of his investigations he will have Congress institute a probe into the conditions of affairs, in order to ascertain whether the tobacco men are real contenders for the crops of Kentucky farmers or whether they are simply in collusion with one another in an effort to lower the price to the last notch.

The tobacco trust was dissolved a few years ago by the Federal authorities, but the present condition of affairs would lead one to believe that it has come to life again. Aid will first be asked through the Department of Justice, and the investigation will be conducted by the Attorney General. It is said that the prices which have been offered on the Kentucky markets are much lower than conditions warrant.

Died, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morris, their little grandson, Kenneth Norlen, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Norlen. Died Friday, Dec. 4, 1914, at 7 p. m. Was buried Saturday afternoon at the old Norlen graveyard. Kenneth is gone but long will his memory live in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Over two hundred dollars was raised in Clark county for the illiteracy work which is being carried on under the direction of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart.

After January 1, 1915 The Times will be one dollar a year, in advance. Subscribe before that time.

Successful Meeting Brought to a Close

The recent protracted meeting, which closed last Thursday at the Christian Church, was one of the most successful ever held here. Seventy additions were made to the Church, and great enthusiasm was manifested by all concerned. Those joining the last few days were baptized at the river Friday afternoon.



Rev. D. H. Matherly.

Rev. D. H. Matherly, pastor of the church, has received many congratulations on the success of the meeting. This is Mr. Matherly's fourth year as pastor of the Christian Church, and he is engaged for the coming year. Mr. Matherly has also had the churches at Log Lick and Pharis Hill. On Sunday he preached at Log Lick, and has closed the year's service at that place. The pastor for Log Lick Church for next year has not yet been selected. The past year was a very successful one for the church at that place, the meetings having all been well attended, and a great deal of interest taken in the work.

Circuit Court convened at Winchester Monday, with Circuit Judge Benton presiding. The grand jury was empaneled, and the judge instructed them along the usual lines, laying particular stress on the vice conditions which are said to exist in Winchester. There is a long docket, and several of the cases will probably go over to the next term of court.

PROGRAMME OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS

The Teachers of the Third and Fourth Educational Divisions will hold their Association on Friday, December 18th, beginning at 1:15 P. M. in the chapel of Stanton College. The public is cordially invited to attend this Association. The program follows:

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| Invocation. | |
| 1. The Community and the School | Mrs. Lula Derickson |
| 2. Are We Really Teaching? | Miss Sarah Brashear |
| 3. How Shall We Base School Work Upon the Children's Current Interests? | Miss Betsey Bowen |
| 4. Courtesy—By Example | Mr. Marion Atkinson |
| 5. How Can Industry Teach Us Lessons in Morals and Manners? | Miss Beatrice Blount |
| 6. Is the Use of Tobacco Harmful to School Children? | Miss Maud Bowen |
| 7. How Much Agriculture Can We Teach in the Rural Schools under Present Conditions? | Mrs. Maud Garrett |
| 8. Is Teaching Patriotic Work? | Mr. Everett Randall |
| 9. Country School Problems | Miss Rhet Ewen |
| 10. The Teacher's Ideal | Miss Minnie Congleton |
| | Miss Stella Congleton |
| | Miss Lizzie Robbins |
| | Miss Ethel Stephens |
| | Miss Nora L. West |
| | Miss Malinda Hatton |
| | Miss Mila Knox |
| | Miss Adalene Hazelrigg |

The Times Popularity Contest Ballot
When properly filled in and signed,
this coupon is good for 100 votes.

Votes for

All ballots must be deposited at The Times office in order to be counted.